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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, poor feeding is done by private citizens. I think we should encourage them rather than the Government taking it up."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Without spending any amount on that day, how else was the Independence Day celebrated on the 15th August 1953? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is already stated that Rs. 75 was spent by the Government on that day. We shall now pass on to the next question."

Import of pulavu rice.

* 175 *Q.*—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the special quality of pulavu rice is being imported into the State either by Government Agency or by private persons or firms; and

(*b*) the stock of pulavu rice available in Madras now?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Are the Government aware that pulavu rice is a necessity for Muslims for celebrating their marriages as well as for their feasts on funeral days and if so will the Government consider the desirability of importing pulavu rice? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad the hon. Member has taken up the cause of Muslims. So far, I have not received any representation from any individual Muslim or Muslim organizations stating that pulavu rice is necessary for them for such purposes."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இன்றைக்கு அம்மாதிரியான காரியங்களுக்கு 'புலவு அரிசி' உபயோகிக்கப்படுகிறது. அந்த அரிசி எங்கிருந்து வருகிறது என்று சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Locally also, a certain kind of pulavu rice is grown. I know, at Udamalpet, it is grown and it is quite popular."

Implementation of awards of Industrial Tribunals in regard to hotel workers.

* 176 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what steps the Government propose to take to protect the workers in hotels from the action of the hotel owners in changing the names of their hotels or shifting them to other places with new names so as to avoid implementing the awards of the various Industrial Tribunals given in favour of the workers and to enforce the awards?